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SACB Takeover Of Subversives List Defended

President Nixon's order that the Subversive Activities Control Board take over the Attorney General's identification of subversive organizations was defended by aministration spokesmen yesterday.

At a Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearing on a bill by Sen. Sam J. Ervin (D-N.C.) to nullify the July 2 action, SACB Chairman John W. Mahan testified that the order "provides much greater protection against false, mistaken, or unjustified listing than any previous executive order has."

Assistant Attorney General William H. Rehnquist called it "a valid exercise of powers that Congress has specifically conferred upon the President."